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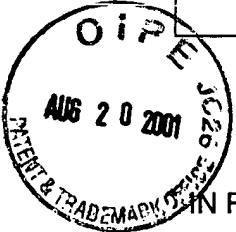
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF

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Art Unit: 1614

Examiner: H. Liu

APPLICATION NO: 09/669,298

FILED: SEPTEMBER 25, 2000

FOR: HETEROCYCLIC SODIUM/PROTON EXCHANGE INHIBITORS
AND METHOD

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed July 23, 2001.

REMARKS

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following inventions.

- "I. Claims 1-31, drawn to the compound and compositions of the formula depicted in claim 1 wherein X is N, n=1, classified in class 548, subclass 954.
- II. Claims 1-31, drawn to the compounds and compositions of the formula depicted in claim 1 wherein X is N, n=2, classified in class 548, subclass 950.
- III. Claims 1-31, drawn to the compounds and compositions of the formula depicted in claim 1 wherein X is N, n=3, classified in class 548, subclass 517.